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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 9, 2005, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2005

The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MURPHY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 2, 2005.

I hereby appoint the Honorable TIM MURPHY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

Lord God, when the American people visit Capitol Hill, You often stir within them a deeper sentiment of patriotism. Foreign visitors too are impressed with our history and the activities of a free society. Today we pray for all of our visitors.

May Your strong hand guide and protect them in their travels. We commend to You, Lord, all of those who accompany or assist our visitors while they are here. Bless the guides, staffers, and the Capitol Police in their daily work. Create among them bonds of friendliness and unity which will foster lasting impressions of our Nation's respect for the dignity of every person and the mutual respect which guides strong character and leads to a beloved community.

Lord, You teach all of us that patriotism is a love for everything that has to do with our Nation's land, its history, traditions, writings, natural features, as well as lasting memorials. For growth in patriotism extends also to the work of all of our compatriots and all the benefits their contributions make to establish this Nation we love.

To You be all honor and thanks now and forever.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monohan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 382. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to strengthen prohibitions

against animal fighting, and for other purposes.

S. 976. An act striking the Specific Privatization Criteria in ORBIT for Intelsat Separated Entities (New Skies) and Immarsat and Other Technical Corrections

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, and as further amended by Public Law 107-228, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Democratic Leader appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom:

Most Reverend Ricardo Ramirez, C.S.B. of New Mexico, for a term of two years (May 15, 2005-May 14, 2007).

The message also announced that pursuant to S. Con. Res. 130 (106th Congress) the Chair on behalf of the President pro tempore appoints the following individual to the Task Force on Slave Laborers.

Curtis H. Sykes of Arkansas and notes the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. LINCOLN) will serve as the designee of the Democratic Leader.

RESIGNATION FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation from the House of Representatives:

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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